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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

PARA ONE - SIXTH WORD "OF" VICE "ON"
PARA TWO - LINE SEVEN, THIRD WORD - "BEST" VICE "BUT"

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG USSC MILI IS LE
SUBJ: ISRAELI OBJECTION TO MOVEMENT SOUTH OF LEBANESE FORCES

1. AFTER BRIEFING FROM MIKE NEWLIN OF UN ACCOUNT OF JULY 30
ILMAC MEETING, AND CONVERSATIONS BY TELEPHONE WITH AMBASSA-
DOR WHO WAS IN HAIFA, POL COUNSELOR SPOKE WITH COLONEL ILAN
TEHILA, WEIZMAN'S AIDE TO TRY TO SORT OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED
AT NAKURA MEETING. ACCORDING TO TEHILA, ISRAELIS HAD SUGGESTED
ALTERNATE ROUTE (NABATIYYA-AKIA BRIDGE - TIBNIN) WHICH WOULD
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AVOID CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES AND HAD TOLD LEBANESE THAT ORIGINAL
ROUTE THROUGH ENCLAVES WAS UNWISE. TEHILA CONTINUED THAT
ISRAELIS, AFTER MORNING ILMAC MEETING, AND FURTHER CONSULTATION
AMONG THEMSELVES HAD RETURNED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH LEBANESE BUT FOUND THEY HAD DEPARTED.

2. TEHILA WAS THEN CALLED AWAY FROM PHONE AND RETURNED WITH

MESSAGE FROM WEIZMAN. THE U.S. SHOULD TRY TO CONVINCE THE LEBANESE TO POSTPONE THE JULY 31 LAF MOVEMENT SOUTH UNLESS LEBANESE TOOK ROUTE WHICH AVOIDED CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES. WEIZMAN SAID HE WAS "HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE CHRISTIANS," AND IF THE LAF WENT THROUGH THE ENCLAVES TOMORROW, "THERE WILL BE TROUBLE." BEST THING TO DO WAS TO POSTPONE JULY 31 MOVEMENT TO GIVE HIM TIME TO WORK ON CHRISTIANS. LAF DEPLOYMENT TO THE SOUTH COULD THEN BE ARRANGED AT SUBSEQUENT ILMAC MEETING.

3. WEIZMAN'S MESSAGE WAS BLUNT AND FOREBODING. WE URGE THAT LAF NOT TRY TO PASS THROUGH THE ENCLAVES TOMORROW. FROM WEIZMAN'S COMMENTS, IT APPEARS THAT HADDAD AND SHIDDIAC ARE FAR FROM BOTTOMED UP. LEWIS

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